

Response Under 37 CFR §1.116 **Expedited Procedure Group Art Unit 3700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ferree

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For: BIORESORBABLE COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR SPINAL ARTHROPLASTY

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the final Office Action mailed March 17, 2005, please amend the above-In response to the final O referenced application as follows: